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NASA Honor Awards Ceremony Held June 21



Exceptional Achievement Medal

This medal is awarded for a significant, specific accomplishment or substantial improvement in operations, efficiency, service, financial savings, science, or technology, which contributes to the mission of NASA.

Rodger Farley -- In recognition of your outstanding technical achievement in managing the development of advanced simulation tools for NASA's Ultra Long Duration Balloon (ULDB).

Arturo Vigil -- For your exceptional achievement in the development of critical ground and flight instrumentation while ensuring superior quality products to GSFC Wallops Flight Facility customers.



Exceptional Service Medal

This medal is awarded for significant sustained performance characterized by unusual initiative or creative ability that clearly demonstrates substantial improvements in engineering, aeronautics, space flight, administration, support, or space-related endeavors, which contribute to NASA's programs.

Wayne Brittingham -- In recognition of your commitment to sustaining competent and qualified support to the Wallops Test Range.

Brian Corbin -- For exceptional service and 33 years of significant sustained performance in the development of critical ground and flight instrumentation products to GSFC/Wallops Flight Facility customers.

Keith Koehler -- In recognition of your extraordinary service to NASA and the Wallops Flight Facility.

Jay Pittman -- For your sustained superior efforts in organizing and improving the GSFC/WFF Range and Mission Management Office.

Group Achievement Award

This team award is presented to a group of Government employees or a group of Government and non-Government personnel for outstanding accomplishments through the coordination of many individual efforts, which have contributed substantially to the NASA mission.

CREAM Science and Mission Support Team -- In recognition of your dedicated service and exemplary technical performance in support of the Cosmic-Ray Energetics and Mass Scientific Balloon Mission.

Wallops Shorts.....

Launch

A NASA Terrier-Improved Orion was launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Hawaii, on June 23. The reimbursable mission was a tracking exercise. John Winstead, Naval Air Warfare Center, was the principal investigator. Tracey Gibb, NASA Sounding Rocket Operations Contract, (NSROC), was the mission manager.

On the Road

Rob Hurley and John Dickerson, NASA Range and Mission Management Office;

Betty Flowers and Rebecca Hudson, NASA Public Affairs Office; and Hayden Gordon, Computer Sciences Corporation, staffed an exhibit at the 57th Delmarva Chicken Festival, at Snow Hill, Md., on June 23.

NSROC Competition

The NASA Sounding Rocket Operations Contract (NSROC) team held a model rocket competition on June 21. Congratulations to Charlie Lankford and Scott Hesh for their winning entry "Roto Wing".

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- *Inquiring minds want to know....*
- *Why are the trees just inside the Main Gate being cut?*
- A Dynasonde antenna field is being installed to replace the old Ionosonde between the "E" Buildings and N-159. The new Dynasonde is considered a "21st. century state of the art Ionosonde". It is high precision, in the 100m range vs 5 km for the old system, and will have a transmit and receive antenna. The Dynasonde measures electron density profiles, vector velocities, layer tilts, quantitative spread F, structure functions and possibly mesosphere winds.

Wallops Range Activity



Photo by Lee Wingfield

The Turbine Trainer – BVM KingCat (left) is one of three of NASA Langley Research Center's Generic Transport Model/AirSTAR Uninhabited Aerial Vehicles (UAV) that conducted autonomous flight control system test flights from the UAV runway on Wallops Island last week. This UAV is a subscale, turbine powered trainer. It weighs 35 pounds, is 94 inches long with a wing span of 80 inches. It flew at 120 mph at an altitude of 800 feet. Flights will continue through June 30.

Retirement Planning Workshop

Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees Retirement System

July 10 -- July 12

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Building E-2 Training Room

The seminar is designed for federal employees within 3-5 years of retirement or retirement eligible. Topics include CSRS/FERS, FEGLI, FEHBP, Disability, Deposit/Redeposit; TSP, Annual/Sick Leave, Annuity Calculation, Best Date to Retire, COLA's, Survivor Benefits, etc.

To Register: Complete GSFC 17-117 Training Request Form and follow standard training request procedures.



Verizon Wireless

July 5

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bldg. E-2 Training Room



A representative from Verizon Wireless will be available to assist in starting a new plan, upgrading an old plan or to answer questions about various plans.

Wallops Fire Department Receives Training



Photo by Ralph Wooten

Virginia's Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting simulator was at Wallops last week. Although already certified, Wallops Fire Department members received refresher instruction and education on aircraft fire emergency incidents. Also, two WFD members were newly certified.

Summer Interns, Welcome to Wallops!

University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
Crystal Myers Brian Guy
Nefertiti Nassar Mahdi Eydgahi
Christina Sutton Adesuwa Aighewi
Oluwalaanumi Adeyeye

University of Maryland, College Park
Philip Cathel Mitch Rivera

Hollins University - Jennifer Eaton

Utah State University
Craig Schmidt

Virginia Tech
Jason Reese Taylor Green
Stephen Hinton Valerie Chang

Penn State University - Brad Bittel

University of Virginia
Devra Bardi Josh Owens

Rochester Institute of Technology
Maggie Anderson

Clemson University
Andy Owens Andrew Falendysz

University of North Dakota
Christopher Sanders

Salisbury University
Suzanne McArdle Catherine Fagnano

Old Dominion University - Sarah Daugherty

Eastern Shore Community College
Jeremy Click

WorWic Community College
William Berryhill Dustin Mariner

Pocomoke High School
Tran Hoang Chip Choquette
George Chancey Kyra Milbourne
Beverly Beauchamp Elizabeth Timmons

Snow Hill High School
Victor Pereya Marshall Wool
Nancy Franklin

Stephen Decatur High School - Kara Smith

Broadwater Academy - Trevor Savage

Arcadia High School
Jacob Wilson Ben Simko

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